# The Weight

**A comedy sketch idea by Jonathan D. Steinhoff**

**This sketch is designed to be presented throughout the show in one-minute segments, in the same way that the SNL "McGruber" segments are presented throughout the show in short segments.**

**It is Election Night and, as we eventually hear in Wolf Blitzer's rationalization to one of the guest political pundits for all of the bruises he's receiving, CNN had to come up with a gimmick, as competition for viewers on Election Night is tremendous. With all of the mishaps, however, Wolf eventually wonders publicly if it really was such a good idea. The space capsule circling the Earth, causing the political pundits to be floating around in a weightless state while having their discussion, that was good. But maybe the trampoline floor, walls and ceiling might have been going too far. James Carville is complaining that he feels like he's a pinball in a pinball machine, and Andrea Mitchell was knocked unconscious when she was dramatically catapulted across the capsule into a sink just as she was explaining why it was the economy that was making Florida look increasingly like it was going with Barrack. Andrea Mitchell continues floating around after this, only is now unconscious for the duration. Wolf occasionally calls to her to see if she's revived yet, then says, "Nope, she's still out. I wanted to ask her…. Oh well." Periodically John King floats by as if he has mastered the trampoline-enhanced weightlessness, coming out of the bottom left corner of the screen, floating towards the upper right corner, while simultaneously calling out a new state going for Obama with each appearance: "And CNN is now projecting Iowa for Obama." Wolf, off-camera, says, "Does it say that? Because I'm upside-down right now, but I thought it might be saying that." John King, off-camera now, says, "That's right, Wolf." For a while no one is on-camera. Wolf, whispering loudly, says, "I'm being told no one is being picked up by the camera right now. James, do you think you can fling yourself over there? How about you, Hitchens? Hitchens! Hey, has anybody seen Christopher Hitchens? I'm trying to get there myself but I keep somersaulting around, I'm not quite sure where I am, I'm a little dizzy in fact." James Carville, also speaking in a loud whisper, says, "Don't ask me, Wolf, I'm like a pinball in a pinball machine, absolutely no control where I'm going. I would, however, like very much to say something about McCain's dirty tricks backfiring during the campaign. Can I do that without being on-camera?" "Sure, go ahead. You know, I thought this would work, the space capsule idea, and then Campbell kept saying, 'And with trampolines! With trampolines!' I told them that would be overdoing it, nobody listened. Had to be a HUGE gimmick, right?" John King flies by on-camera announcing another state for Barrack. Wolf resumes, "And we all know how fierce the competition for viewers is on Election Night. I should have argued more." James Carville says, "I'm getting all bruised up here, Wolf. Maybe if they had let us practice just with trampolines before they put us here." Wolf says, "Sorry to hear about your bruises, James. Okay, well, let's return to Campbell Brown in the studio for now. We'll be returning up here a little later on in the show. And we're out. There's no way Christopher Hitchens could have accidentally floated out of the space capsule, is there? Good, no, I didn't think so, I was just checking, because nobody's seen him for a while. Look behind where?" James Carville says, "Ouch!" Wolf asks, "Are you okay, James?" "Nothing. I just banged my head again. I think it says Wisconsin went with Barrack. Of course, we all expected that." Wolf says, "Yeah, that was pretty much predicted."**